

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

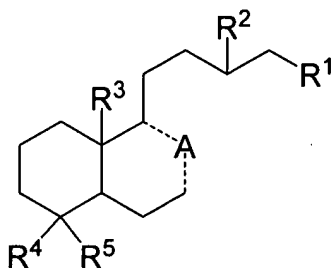
The claims in this listing will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-15 (Canceled)

Claim 16. (New) A composition, being provided as an external preparation for skin, comprising:

(A) one, or two or more compounds represented by formula (1) below:

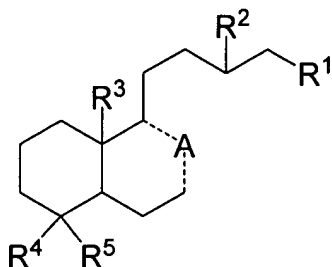


(in formula (1), R¹ represents -CH₂OH or COOR⁶, R⁶ represents hydrogen, a lower alkyl group having the number of carbon atoms of 1 to 3, or a cation capable of forming a salt with COO⁻, each of R² to R⁵ independently represents a hydrogen atom or methyl group, and . . . A . . . represents =C(CH₃)-, -C(CH₃)=, -C(=CH₂)-, -CH(CH₃)- or -C(OH)(CH₃)-; and

(B) one, or two or more medicinal ingredients selected from the group consisting of *Glycyrrhiza glabra* extract, *Coix lachryma-jobi* extract, blackcurrant fruit extract, *Inula britannica* extract, cranberry fruit extract, *Mucuna birdwoodiana* extract, cactus extract, *Momordica grosvenorii* extract, and astaxanthin and its derivatives.

Claim 17. (New) A composition, being provided as an external preparation for skin for whitening, comprising:

(A) one, or two or more compounds represented by formula (1) below:

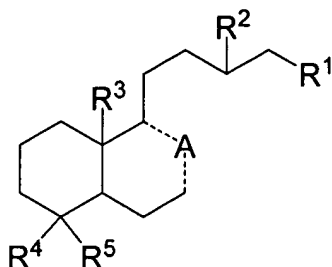


(in formula (1), R¹ represents -CH₂OH or COOR⁶, R⁶ represents hydrogen, a lower alkyl group having the number of carbon atoms of 1 to 3, or a cation capable of forming a salt with COO⁻, each of R² to R⁵ independently represents a hydrogen atom or methyl group, and . . . A . . . represents =C(CH₃)-, -C(CH₃)=, -C(=CH₂)-, -CH(CH₃)- or -C(OH)(CH₃)-; and

(B) one, or two or more medicinal ingredients selected from the group consisting of *Glycyrrhiza glabra* extract, *Coix lachryma-jobi* extract, blackcurrant fruit extract, *Inula britannica* extract, cranberry fruit extract, *Mucuna birdwoodiana* extract, cactus extract, *Momordica grosvenorii* extract, and astaxanthin and its derivatives.

Claim 18. (New) A composition, being provided as an anti-aging external preparation for skin, comprising:

(A) one, or two or more compounds represented by formula (1) below:



(in formula (1), R¹ represents -CH₂OH or COOR⁶, R⁶ represents hydrogen, a lower alkyl group having the number of carbon atoms of 1 to 3, or a cation capable of forming a salt with COO⁻, each of R² to R⁵ independently represents a hydrogen atom or methyl group, and . . . A . . . represents =C(CH₃)-, -C(CH₃)=, -C(=CH₂)-, -CH(CH₃)- or -C(OH)(CH₃)-; and

(B1) one, or two or more medicinal ingredients selected from the group consisting of cactus extract, and astaxanthin and its derivatives.

Claim 19. (New) The composition as claimed in Claim 16, wherein said compound represented by formula (1) is a compound, or a compound prepared from said compound extracted from one, or two or more plants selected from the plant group consisting of *Cistaceae* including *Cistus ladaniferus* L., *Cistus creticus* L., *Cistus monoperiensis* L. and *Cistus salvifolius*

Claim 20. (New) The composition as claimed in Claim 16, being blended with one, or two or more extracts, containing said compound represented by formula (1), selected from the plant group consisting of *Cistaceae* including *Cistus ladaniferus* L. , *Cistus creticus* L., *Cistus monoperiensis* L. and *Cistus salvifolius*.

Claim 21. (New) The composition as claimed in Claim 17, wherein said compound represented by formula (1) is a compound, or a compound prepared from said compound extracted from one, or two or more plants selected from the plant group consisting of *Cistaceae* including *Cistus ladaniferus* L., *Cistus creticus* L., *Cistus monoperiensis* L. and *Cistus salvifolius*

Claim 22. (New) The composition as claimed in Claim 17, being blended with one, or two or more extracts, containing said compound represented by formula (1), selected from the plant group consisting of *Cistaceae* including *Cistus ladaniferus* L. , *Cistus creticus* L., *Cistus monoperiensis* L. and *Cistus salvifolius*.

Claim 23. (New) The composition as claimed in Claim 18, wherein said compound represented by formula (1) is a compound, or a compound prepared from said compound extracted from one, or two or more plants selected from the plant group consisting of *Cistaceae* including *Cistus ladaniferus* L., *Cistus creticus* L., *Cistus monoperiensis* L. and *Cistus salvifolius*

Claim 24. (New) The composition as claimed in Claim 18, being blended with one, or two or more extracts, containing said compound represented by formula (1), selected from the plant group consisting of *Cistaceae* including *Cistus ladaniferus* L. , *Cistus creticus* L., *Cistus monoperiensis* L. and *Cistus salvifolius*.